reported that vigilance checks will continue in this regard.

Allotment of flats to slum dwellers on cash-down basis

1766. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 489 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1991 and state:,

(a) whether the applications for allotment of flats were invited through Newspapers;

(b) whether the draw was held in the presence of some prominent people and some judges;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with names of judges who witnessed the draw;

(d) whether any publicity for holding the draw was made through newspapers for registered persons to witness the draw;

(e) whether the results of draw have been published in News paper;

(f) whether allotment-cum-demand letters have been sent to registered persons;

(g) whether cost of flat was fixed Rs. 62,000 at the time of inviting applications; and

(h) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for increase in cost within two months of holding of draw?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following were members of the jury for the draw:—

(1) Smt. Nutan Guha Biswas, Additional District Magistrate.

(2) Shri R. K. Verma, an officer from the New Delhi Municipal Committee.

(3) Shri K. K. Sharma, Joint Secretary (Home) Delhi Administration.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The result of the draw was displayed on the notice boards of the Delh Development Authority at Vikas Kutee and Vikas Bhavan Annexe and a notice tc to this effect was published in local newspapers.

(f) The Slum Wing of Delhi development Authority has reported that Allotment-cum-Demand lethters has been issued to the successful applicats.

(g) No, Sir. The cost of the flats was finalised only in August, 1991.

(h) Does not arise in view of reply to part (g) above.

Gauge conversion in South Central Railway

1767. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert Guntur-Dronachalam and Secunderabad-Kurnool-Guntakal metre-gauge sections in South Central Railway as broad gauge sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Survey has revealed that the project would be unremunerative. Moreover, the Railways are facing an acute resource crunch at present.

Bungling at DRM office, Asansol Division

1768. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of financial bungling at the office of D.R.M Asansol Division of Eastern Railway, involving huge sums of money has been detected and concerned officials charge-sheeted recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to bring those found guilty to book and foil attempts, if any to enable them to hush-

up the case and escape due process of Law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Two cases have come to notice in the recent past.

(b) to (c)

(i) Shortage of cash amounting to Rs. 64,674 detected on 10-7-91. The accused officials has been posted on a non-cash handling post and disciplinary action initiated against him.

(ii) Non-remittance of Rs. 2.37 lakhs to station earnings. The official concerned has been placed under suspension and served with a Major penalty charge sheet.

Fodder Target

1769. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set out any target for the Production of fodder in the country during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also any scheme for the conservation of fodder for distribution to the farmers during the lean periods; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and in what manner Government propose to achieve the above targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Annual targets for the production of fodder in the country during the current year have not been set up. However, targets for fodder seed production have been fixed for the seven Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration under the Central Government. Similarly, the National Seeds Corporation, State Farm Corporation of India and State Seed Corporations also fix up annual targets for fodder seed production.

(c) and (d) The Government of India do not have any scheme for conservation of fodder for distribution to the farmers during the lean periods. However, some of the State Governments collected and preserve grasses for distributing to the farmers during lean periods. Various contingent schemes are also implemented during the drought periods to produce, conserve and distribute fodder to the farmers.

Setting up of Bihar Flood Control Authority

1770. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a Bihar Flood Control Authority to combat floods in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what steps Government propose to take to control the flood situation in the State which is a yearly routine?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Comprehensive Plans for flood management prepared by Ganga Flood Control Commission have been sent to the State Government for follow up action. These include structural and non-structural measures. Emphasis now onwards is on flood proofing measures as they are more cost effective.

Modernisation of Steel Plants in the Country

1771. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of steel plants in the country together with their location;

(b) the installed capacity of each of the plants and present output;